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TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman

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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley

Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF COUNTYWIDE CONTRACT MONITORING

PROJECT TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

CONTRACTS (Board Agenda Item #5.4, June 21, 2004)

At the meeting of June 21, 2004, your Board directed the Auditor-Controller to identify the additional resources needed to expand the Contract Monitoring Pilot Project (Pilot Project) to include contracts in the Department of Health Services (DHS) and report back within 60 days.

On July 27, 2004, we met with DHS management who indicated that they would like to be included in the Pilot Project expansion. The Department estimates that it has 2,400 to 3,500 contracts. We requested that DHS provide us with a current listing of all their contracts by program and include the number of staff currently used to monitor the contracts and the frequency in which the contracts are required to be monitored.

Yesterday, DHS provided us with the requested information. In the next few days, we will meet with the Department's representatives to identify the program(s) to include in the Pilot Project. In the next 30 days, we will report to your Board on which DHS contracts we propose including in the Pilot Project and our need for additional resources.

If you have any question, please call me or your staff may call Maria Oms at (213) 974-8303 or Don Chadwick at (626) 293-1102.

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